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6 MAY 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT

: Fire Protection [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE

: Memo for D/Sec from Ex Dir/NPIC
dtd 26 Mar 70, Subject: NPIC's Need
for a Review of Sprinkler System
Requirements in Selected Areas

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1. As a result of the meeting of 29 April 1970 with [REDACTED] Executive
[REDACTED] Deputy Director of Security [REDACTED] Executive
Director, NPIC, and [REDACTED] Executive Officer, Tech-
nical Services and Support Group, NPIC, the proposal for the
sprinkler extension [REDACTED] was reviewed by the following:

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[REDACTED] Real Estate & Construction

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[REDACTED] Division

[REDACTED] Special Assistant to

[REDACTED] Chief, SSD/TSSG/NPIC

[REDACTED] CIA Safety Officer

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2. This review determined that a sprinkler system should
be installed in the [REDACTED] room (1N440A), the new Commo Center
(2S451) and the computer room (2N636 or 2S645). This is a National
Fire Protection Association code requirement from the windowless
building standpoint as well as the vital electronic data and equipment
viewpoint. It was further agreed that high temperature sprinkler
deflectors (212°F) could be utilized in these areas and that cutoff
valves or switches would be provided for these three systems. The
valves or switches would be installed adjacent to the entrance doors

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to these three areas and would be clearly marked for emergency use by the occupants, Security Staff and guard force. If a hand operated valve is installed, a tamper alarm will also be connected to annunciate in the Security Duty Office

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3. The Comparator facility (room 1S453 or 1S403) appears from the information available to be too delicate to devise the installation of any known extinguishing system therefore, no recommendation is made. However, since the area concerned is so small and contains two entrances at ground elevation, it is the opinion of the Safety Officer that the windowless building code requirements can be waived. Considering the monetary and operational value of this facility, it is suggested that more definite information be obtained from the manufacturer to determine if some form of extinguishing system can be utilized for fire protection of the equipment.

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